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In re Application of: Rainer Patzel, et al.

For: METHOD FOR ALLOCATING PREDICTABLE COSTS FOR CONSUMABLE ITEMS

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- (X) No fee is due

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- () (1) Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.
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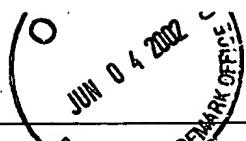
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